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of the fact that the Machuwadi area, as was pointed out by the hon. Member Sri R. V. Swaminathan, is a popular site from all points of view?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I know only one public opinion which I will take into consideration and while assessing the public opinion, the view that could be expressed by the hon. Member will certainly be taken into consideration.

Manufacture of paper in the State

* 338 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to place on the table of the House a copy of the reports of the experts including from those foreign countries like Italy, East Germany, etc., who investigated into the possibility of starting mills to manufacture writing paper and newsprint in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : At the invitation of the Government of India, two teams of paper experts one German and another Italian visited India some months ago to appraise the resources available for the development of the paper, pulp and newsprint industries. Among other locations, they visited the Nilgiris area in this State. The reports of the experts have not yet been received by the State Government.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Sir, may I know whether any suggestion was made by this Government to the experts to visit areas like Nilambur in Malabar district and if so whether they have visited Nilambur and other places where bamboo and other raw materials necessary for the manufacture of paper are available in abundance?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have already stated on the floor of this House that it is quite possible to start writing paper industry using the bamboos that are available in plenty in Nilambur area as raw material. It is only for the private sector to take up this industry.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Sir, may I know why the Central Government are not agreeing to start a paper mill in this State, though our Government are particular of starting such an industry here?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have also stated in this House that it is proposed to start a newsprint industry under the public sector and the Government of India are quite well interested in this matter.

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Whether it should fall within the private sector or the public sector, have the Government taken advantage of the experts who visited this State to find out the potentialities of Nilambur also, so that we could have the benefit of their report?

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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : What I mean is we should have industrial experts and industrial organisers who will come forward from Malabar to take up this industry. I can assure the hon. Member that there will be no difficulty in utilizing the bamboo available for making writing paper.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE HON. SPEAKER.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House the following message, dated 23rd October 1956, received from the Hon. the Chairman, Madras Legislative Council :—

"In accordance with rule 131 of the Madras Council Rules, I transmit a copy of the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1956 (L.A. Bill No. 26 of 1956) as passed by the Council on the 23rd October 1956, with the amendments set out in the Annexure and signed by me for the concurrence of the Assembly."

ANNEXURE.

Clause 2.

"*Omit* the Explanation to sub-section (1) of new section 3-A."

New clause after clause 7.

After clause 7, add the following as new clause 8 :—

"8. *Insertion of new section 4-A in Madras Act XXX of* 1947.—After section 4 of the principal Act, the following section shall be inserted, namely :—

'4-A. *Rent payable in respect of lands which are not ryoti or private.*—No person in an estate cultivating any land which is not ryoti land or which has not been decided to be private land under some prior proceedings or under the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Act, 1947, as amended by the Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Act, 1956, shall be bound to pay as rent in respect of that land at a rate exceeding that payable in respect of similar land which is ryoti land in the neighbourhood'."

MR. SPEAKER : I have received notice of a motion under Rule 40 from Sri K. R. Viswanathan. As the hon. Member is not in his seat, it will be deemed to have been withdrawn.

III.—PRESENTATION OF THE REPORTS OF—

(1) THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

9·30 a.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, on behalf of the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee, I beg to present the Report of the Public Accounts Committee on the accounts of the State of Madras for the year 1953–54.